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SUBJECT: MEETING OF FRENCH AND SOVIET AMBASSADORS
AUGUST 5

1. FRENCH MISSION HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF DISCUSSION IN EAST BERLIN AUGUST 5 BETWEEN NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO FRG WORMSER AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV. THIS WAS WORMSER'S COURTESY CALL ON YEFREMOV ON OCCASION OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S FIRST VISIT TO BERLIN.

2. AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV TOOK INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE. CREATION OF THIS OFFICE, ACCORDING TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR, REPRESENTED FIRST STAGE OF OPERATION INTENDED TO STRIP FRENCH AUTHORITIES LITTLE BY LITTLE OF POWERS THEY RETAINED IN WEST BERLIN. WAS IT NOT TRUE THAT WEST GERMANS WERE THINKING ABOUT INSTALLING TWENTY OTHER BUREAUS; MOREOVER, AFFAIR ALSO RELATED TO LARGER PATTERN.

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WITHOUT NAMING HIM, YEFREMOV CONDEMNED RECENT DECLARATIONS OF

KURT NEUBAUER, WEST BERLIN MAYOR AND SENATOR FOR INTERIOR, ON PROJECTED ESTABLISHMENT IN WEST BERLIN OF NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GERMAN CULTURE. ALSO RELEVANT WERE EFFORTS OF CENTRAL RESEARCH SERVICES OFFICE IN SALZGITTER TO TERRORIZE GDR FUNCTIONARIES CHARGED WITH ENFORCING LAW AND SUPPRESSING CRIMES COMMITTED IN GDR. IN A WORD, REVANCHISTS WERE AGAIN RAISING THEIR HEADS.

3. YEFREMOV CONTRASTED CONTINUOUS AGITATION IN FRG WITH PREVAILING CALM IN GDR. AT SAME TIME, YEFREMOV SAID, ONE COULD ASSERT THAT APPROVAL GIVEN BY ALLIES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA CONSTITUTED OPEN VIOLATION OF QA. WERE NOT FUNCTIONARIES OF FEA PAID BY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FROM WHICH THEY RECEIVED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS? YEFREMOV CONCLUDED THIS PART OF HIS PRESENTATION BY SAYING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA WAS BITTER PILL THAT WENT DOWN BADLY WITH HIS AUTHORITIES. CONSEQUENCES WERE SELF-EXPLANATORY. SOVIET AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ACTIONS ON ACCESS ROUTES WERE DEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

4. YEFREMOV, WHO WAS KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT ALLIED DEMARCHE IN MOSCOW, AT NO TIME SOUGHT TO PRETEND THAT AGREEMENTS CONFERRED ON GDR RIGHT TO INTERVENE ON ACCESS ROUTES. TO CONTRARY, HE REPEATEDLY ASSERTED MATTER WAS ONE BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND THREE ALLIES. AMBASSADOR WORMSER LIMITED HIMSELF INITIALLY TO OBSERVATION THAT THREE POWERS, INCLUDING FRANCE, HAD PROPERLY GIVEN THEIR APPROVAL TO MEASURE CONDEMNED BY SOVIETS. IT WAS PERHAPS LIMITED CASE CONCERNING WHICH OPINIONS COULD DIFFER. AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALLIES WOULD NOT ADMIT--AD HE SOUGHT--THAT IN GIVING THEIR APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA, THEY HAD CONTRAVENED PROVISIONS OF QA.

5. AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV MAINTAINED THAT QA APPLIED TO WEST BERLIN AND RETURNED SEVERAL MORE TIMES TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA AND ITS INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES, ABOUT WHICH ALLIES HAD BEEN WARNED. AMBASSADOR WORMSER NOTED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO SPEAK OF THE FUTURE AND UNDERLINED NEED TO AVERT NEW POLEMICS.

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7. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION YEFREMOV SUGGESTED STABILIZATION OF SITUATION NECESSARY FOR FUTURE. HE OBSERVED ALL POSSIBILITIES OPENED UP BY QA HAD NOT BEEN EXPLOITED. HE SAID HE LOOKED TO FRENCH-SOVIET CONVERSATION ON OCCASION OF AMBASSADOR WORMSER'S VISIT TO BERLIN AS MEANS TO TRY OUT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLMES THAT COULD COME UP.

8. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR, YEFREMOV SEEMED THROUGHOUT

CONVERSATION TO SPEAK FROM INSTRUCTIONS PREDATING ALLIED DEMARCHE
IN MOSCOW. HE GAVE IMPRESSION HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO OTHER
THAN COMPLAIN, ACCUSE AND REFER INTERMITTENTLY TO IMPRECISE
DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD OWE ORIGIN NOT TO POSITION OF HIS
GOVERNMENT BUT TO FRG INITIATIVES.KLEIN

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